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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various surveys have revealed that women and children are the worst sufferers of malnutrition in both rural and urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to start a National Nutrition Mission to prevent malnutrition amongst women and children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The latest National Family Health Survey (1998-99) revealed that 47% of children under 3 years of age were underweight and 74.3% were suffering from nutritional anaemia.

As regards women of 15-49 years, 35.8% suffered from Chronic Energy Deficiency and 51.8% from Nutritional Anaemia.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the Mission have not yet been finalised.